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COUNTY COUNCIL  
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HARFORD COUNTY, MARYLAND

1973 Legislative Session, Legislative Day No. 73-255

Bill No. 73-30 (as amended)

Introduced by Mr. O'Neill at the request of the County Executive

AN ACT to repeal Section 230 of the Public Local Laws of Harford County, Maryland, (1965 Edition, as amended), heading, "Citizens' Nursing Home Board" and to enact Section 230 in lieu thereof to stand in the place of the Section repealed; to reconstitute the Citizens' Nursing Home Board, to provide for appointment of members by the County Executive and confirmed by the County Council upon recommendation of the Chairman of the Citizens' Nursing Home Board, to provide for transitional provisions for present board members and generally relating to the Citizens' Nursing Home Board.

By the Council August 21, 1973

Introduced, read first time, ordered posted and public hearing scheduled on October 4, 1973, at 7:30 P.M. in the Council Hearing Room, Bel Air, Maryland.

By order, Wm. B. Johnston, Secretary

1 Section 1. Be It Enacted By The County Council of Harford County,  
2 Maryland, that Section 230 of the Public Local Laws of Harford  
3 County, heading, "Citizens' Nursing Home Board" be, and it is  
4 hereby, repealed and new Section 230 be, and it is hereby, added  
5 to the said Code in lieu thereof, to stand in place of the  
6 Section repealed to read as follows:  
7 230. Citizens' Nursing Home Board.

8 (a) The Citizens' Nursing Home Board of Harford County is  
9 hereby reconstituted and shall be constituted and controlled  
10 as follows:

11 The Board shall consist of ten members; and the members  
12 shall be appointed by the County Executive, three members to  
13 be appointed for three years, three for two years, and two  
14 for one year. Members shall be chosen from among the residents  
15 of Harford County. One member of the County Council and  
16 the County Executive or his designee shall be members of the  
17 Board ex-officio. As the terms of the members of the Board  
18 expire or as vacancies occur, their successors shall be  
19 appointed by the County Executive, upon recommendation of the  
20 ~~Chairman of the~~ Board. All appointments by the County Executive  
21 under this section shall be subject to confirmation by the  
22 County Council.

23 (b) Compensation. The members of the Board shall serve  
24 without compensation.

25 (c) Powers and duties. The Board shall establish, maintain,  
26 and operate a nursing or convalescent home or homes and any other  
27 facilities and services necessary for the proper care and treat-  
28 ment of aged, convalescent, and chronically ill residents of the  
29 County and shall have the following powers and duties.

1 in its discretion, may expend both principal and income of any  
2 such gift, bequest, legacy or endowment to support the Board's  
3 nursing home program;

4 (2) To acquire and hold real and personal property in  
5 the name of Harford County by any means, to sell or otherwise  
6 dispose of such property so acquired, and to preserve and adminis-  
7 ter such properties;

8 (3) To provide adequate facilities and services for  
9 the care and treatment of the aged, convalescent, and chronically  
10 ill citizens of the County. These facilities and services  
11 may include physical care, medical, nursing, recreational,  
12 rehabilitative, special education, and other similar activities,  
13 and, in addition, dissemination of information relative to causes  
14 and prevention of chronic and debilitating illnesses;

15 (4) To charge such fees for admission to and maintenance  
16 in such facilities and for use of such services as may support  
17 the facilities and services subject, however, to the provision  
18 that where aged, convalescent, and chronically ill residents  
19 of the County are in need of such facilities and services and are  
20 sufficiently impecunious as to be unable to pay the full cost of  
21 such care, then the charges to such residents shall be in direct  
22 proportion to their ability to pay for the services;

23 (5) To apply all monies, assets, property or other  
24 things of value it may receive to the general purposes of the  
25 Board;

26 (6) To adopt, subject to the terms of this section,  
27 such rules and regulations of any facilities or services that it  
28 establishes as may be necessary for their proper operation;

29 (7) To cooperate with and assist, insofar as practi-

1 (8) To hire a director of any facility or service that  
2 it establishes and to provide for such additional employees,  
3 their qualifications and wages as are necessary to properly  
4 operate such facilities;

5 (9) To require that all facilities and services that  
6 it establishes maintain such standards that they may qualify for  
7 licenses as hospitals from the State Board of Health as required  
8 in Article 43, Section 556 et. ff. (1957 Edition) as amended  
9 from time to time;

10 (10) To integrate its facilities with, accept funds  
11 from, and cooperate with the State Board of Health and Mental  
12 Hygiene in any facet or facets of its operations insofar as  
13 deemed advisable by this Board.

14 (11) To establish close liason with the Harford Memorial  
15 Hospital for the purpose of providing comprehensive hospital,  
16 nursing, and convalescent care in Harford County.

17 (d) Chairman, meetings. The Board shall elect one of its  
18 members to serve as chairman for any period it may designate.  
19 It shall hold such meetings as may be necessary for the proper  
20 conduct of its business, not, however, less frequently than  
21 once per month. It shall adopt, subject to the terms of this  
22 section, such rules as are necessary for the internal regulation  
23 of the Board.

24 (e) Finances. The activities of the Board shall be  
25 supported insofar as possible by citizen support, voluntary  
26 contributions, fees and charges, payments from the State and  
27 Federal government. The County Council is authorized to make  
28 annual appropriations in support of the operations of the Citizens'  
29 Nursing Home Board of Harford County for the objective of main-

1 Council may make appropriations for land acquisition and capital  
2 improvements or borrow funds for these purposes and issue indivi-  
3 dual notes, bonds, or other evidences of indebtedness.

4 (f) Reports. The Board shall annually report their  
5 activities to the County Executive AND THE COUNTY COUNCIL during  
6 the preceding year, together with recommendations or requests  
7 they deem appropriate to achieve the objectives and purposes  
8 of this section.

9 (g) Purposes and existence. The purpose of the Citizens'  
10 Nursing Home Board of Harford County is declared to be for the  
11 general benefit of the citizens of Harford County and charitable  
12 in nature. It is a public corporation and shall have perpetual  
13 existence, may contract and be contracted with, sue and be sued,  
14 implead and be impleaded, and complain and defend in all courts  
15 of law and equity.

16 (h) Transitional provisions for present members of the  
17 Board. The persons now serving on the Citizens' Nursing Home  
18 Board may serve out their present terms.

19 Section 2. And Be It Further Enacted, that this Act shall take  
20 effect sixty (60) days from the date it becomes law.

21 Effective: December 17, 1973  
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